

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: GRZONKA

In re Application of:	}
HOLGER GRZONKA et al.	}
Int. Appl. No.: PCT/EP2005/050016	}
Int. Filing Date: January 4, 2005	}
For: DESIGN CONFIGURATION METHOD FOR AN AUTOMATION SYSTEM	}

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to D) which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding international patent application No. PCT/EP2005/050016.

Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	Germany	DE 101 34 940 A1	Kuka Schweiss.	02-27-03
B)	USA	US 6 028 998	Gloudeman et al.	02-22-00
C)	Germany	DE 102 19 912 A1	Siemens AG	11-20-03
D)	PCT	WO 97/15877	Siemens AG	05-01-97

Copies of references A), C) and D) are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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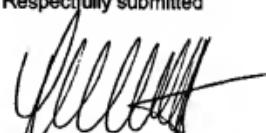
In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

C.I.T. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	6,028,998	02-22-2000	Gfudeman et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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